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euen so they shall vs see
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Their land and riches great,
confiscate to the spoyle,
That they and theirs in many yeares
haue won with painfull toyle.
And shall we thinke to finde
more courtesie than those,
If we permit, and not withstand
the force of forraine foes?
Nay rather, this deceipt
may driue vs for to dreed,
And of such like most subtile sleight
to take most carefull heed.
Our foes like friends will fayne
to come for our soule helth;
But God doth know their foule pretense,
they shote but at our welth.
The help they hope to haue,
for that we not agree
(As they suppose for sacred writ)
most iustly forceth mee,
To call to mynde thaduice
of Scorios boast alone.
The Romaines in dissension then,
that he would set vppon.
Not so said Scorio,
I not allow your deed:

For that were euen the neareſt way
to make them ſone agreed.
For argument whereof
two Maſtiffes forth he brought,
And deadly foes he did them make,
by cauſe right aptly ſought.
A Wolfe put forth in place
no ſoner in their ſight,
But they as friends their common foe,
did ſet vpon with ſpight.
‡ Let then our foes forecaſt,
in ſeeking vs to lack,
That naturall loue in Engliſh hartes
ſhall not be ſéene to lack.
And lack we men to fight?
nay were there euer moe?
More actiue or more firmely bent,
to kill their common foe?
Munition wanteth not,
nor ordinaunce for warre:
Each ſtorehouſe ſtuft, each priuate houſe
hath furniture from farre.
The Queene hath courage ſtoute,
hir ſubiects to defend:
Hir people haue as willing mindes,
their goods and life to ſpend.

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The cauſe is chiefly Gods,
whome euer his elect
Haue found moſt ready from their foes
to ſhield them and protect.
Examples manifold,
for proofe thereof moſt ſtrong
I might alleadge: but ſome, perhaps,
would thinke the worke to long.
Let this therfore ſuffiſe,
and let vs firmely truſt,
God neuer did nor neuer will
forget them that be iuſt.
Let each repent in hart,
and mend that is amiſſe:
Then God, no doubt, our chiefe defenſe
will take vs to be his.
That we may grace obteine
by his moſt gracious will,
Let euery well diſpoſed wight
crie out vnto him ſtill.
Loke Lord on Englandes ſtate,
we humbly pray thée then,
And graunt that each true Engliſh hart
conſent to ſay, Amen.

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